150th Anniversary Celebratory Cup

7 November 2026

Hosted by Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron

SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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The race is organised and conducted by the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron (RMYS) as the Organising Authority. It is a race between members of RMYS, Hobson's Bay Yacht Club (HBYC), Royal Yacht Club of Victoria (RYCV), Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) and Royal Brighton Yacht Club (RBYC) in honour of the RMYS 150th Anniversary.

1. Rules

1.1. The races will be governed by the rules as defined in:

a. The World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025 -2028,
b. The Australian Sailing (AS) 2025-2028 Special Regulations Part 1 for Keelboats Crew Declarations
c. The Yachting Victoria (YV) Performance Based Handicap System (PHS)
d. The Offshore Racing Congress Rating System (ORC Club)
e. The Australian Measurement System (AMS)
f. The requirements of the Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC), particularly in regard to the avoidance of commercial shipping
g. The Marine Safety Act (Vic) 2010
h. The RMYS Sailing Instructions 2026-2027 (Version 1) and amendments
i. These 150th Anniversary Celebratory Cup Supplementary Sailing Instructions

1.2. RRS 51 is changed so that a yacht with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the SR's) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability to the extent permitted by their stability rating.

1.3. RRS 52 is changed:

a. To allow self-steering equipment to be used by yachts sailing double-handed,

b. To allow the adjustment of movable water ballast or canting keels on any yacht and the use of stored power to do so, and
c. To allow the use of stored power for sail handling and sail trimming on any yacht.

2. [SP] Crew Declarations

2.1. Accurate crew declarations shall be completed through the TopYacht Entry System at least 15 minutes before the boat's warning signal: https://topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/mob_crew_login.php.

2.2. A boat that fails to lodge a crew declaration, or lodges an inaccurate one, may be scored DNC without a hearing.

3. Notices to Competitors

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the RMYS Official Notice Board: https://rmys.com.au/official-notice-board/. Registered boat owners may also be notified by SMS or email.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

4.1. Registered boat owners may be notified by email or SMS by 8:30 on 7 November 2026 or by radio on VHF on channel 72 prior to the first warning signal. Notices may also be posted on the RMYS online notice board and repeated during the race. This changes the RRS Race Signals.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff on the roof of the clubhouse. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

6. Schedule

6.1. The race will be sailed as a pursuit race on the following day:

Day	Date	Warning signal (first boat)	Event	Type
Saturday	7 November 2026	09:55	150th Anniversary Celebratory Cup	Pursuit

6.2. Each boat's pursuit start time will be published on the RMYS website no later than 17:00 on Friday 6 November 2026. Start times may also be sent by SMS or email.

6.3. Sunday 8 November 2026 is the nominated resail day should the race be abandoned on 7 November 2026.

7. Radio Communication

7.1. A compliant and functional marine-grade VHF radio shall be carried and kept on board at all times, and shall be monitored on Channels 16 and 72. This modifies AS Special Regulations sub-clause 3.25.

7.2. Boats fitted with AIS shall keep it switched on.

7.3. The race radio channel is VHF Channel 72. The call sign is “Squadron Tower”.
7.4. A listening watch will be kept by “Squadron Tower” on VHF Channel 72 from 09:00 until 16:00.
7.5. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all competitors.

8. The Start

8.1. Each boat shall start at its own pursuit start time, published under instruction 6.2. The warning signal for the first boat will be at 09:55.
8.2. Boats that nominated the Non-Spinnaker Division on entry will race in that division. All other boats will race in the Spinnaker Division.
8.3. The race will have a Breakwater Start. The starting line is an imaginary line between the vertical line on the breakwater Race Tower and the centre of Mark A, excluding the area between Mark H and the Tower. Mark H is not necessarily on the starting line.
8.4. A boat’s preparatory signal is 4 minutes before her start time, and she starts at her start time regardless of any signals made. When the Light Tower is used a boat’s start is when her number is first displayed (**See Appendix A: RMYS Light Tower Starting Procedures**). When the Light Tower is not used, handicap numbers will be displayed in the Tower window and a boat’s start is when her number is removed. This changes RRS 26.
8.5. A boat starting one minute or more before her start time will be scored DNS. No recall signal will be made. This changes RRS 29.1. An individual recall message may be made on VHF Channel 72.
8.6. Boats not yet racing (before their preparatory signal) shall keep clear of boats that are racing and stay at least 50 m from the starting line.

9. Courses

9.1. Racing will take place on the waters of Port Phillip.
9.2. The course will be selected from the following and will be displayed in the Tower window. The Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions will sail the same course number.

Course 1 Approximately 14.5 nm All marks to port	**Course 2** Approximately 14.5 nm All marks to starboard
Start, R4, V Mark, SYC 4, RBYC 6, Finish	Start, RBYC 6, SYC 4, V Mark, R4, Finish

9.3. Mark positions are included in **Appendix B.**

10. The Finish

10.1. The finishing line is an imaginary line between the vertical line on the breakwater Race Tower and the centre of Mark A, excluding the area between Mark H and the Tower. Mark H is not necessarily on the finishing line.
10.2. Mark H is an inner distance mark. Boats shall not pass between Mark H and the Tower from the first warning signal until all boats have finished racing. Boats passing on the

breakwater side of Mark H have not finished. Boats should not pass back through the line after finishing.

11. Shortened Courses

11.1. The Race Officer may shorten the course by deleting a mark of the course and announcing this on VHF Channel 72.

12. Time Limit

12.1. A boat that does not finish by the time limit below will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

Day	Date	Time limit
Saturday	7 November 2026	16:00

13. Retirement

13.1. A boat that retires shall notify "Squadron Tower" on VHF Channel 72 as soon as possible.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

14.1. Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with RMYS within two hours after the last boat in any division finishes. Protest forms may be emailed to boating@rmys.com.au or handed in at the club office.

14.2. Appendix T Arbitration will apply. Hearings will be at a time and place notified by RMYS, and may be held by video conference.

15. Prizes

15.1. Trophies and prizes will be awarded as set out in the Notice of Race.

15.2. Prizes will be presented on the afternoon of 7 November 2026 at RMYS. All competitors are warmly invited back to RMYS after racing to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Club's formation.

15.3. RMYS marina and berthing information is available in **Appendix C**

15.4. Results announced before the protest time limit in instruction 14.1 has closed are provisional and may change.

16. Commercial Shipping

16.1. Boats shall keep clear of commercial shipping as set out in RMYS Supplementary Sailing Instructions VI: Keeping Clear of Commercial Shipping. A boat that the Race Committee decides has committed a serious breach will be scored DSQ without a hearing.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

17.1. Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the race.

18. Insurance

18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with current third-party liability insurance of not less than AUD 10,000,000. A certificate of insurance shall be lodged with the home club office before the race.

19. Further Information

RMYS Boating Manager: Ann Rogers
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Appendix A: RMYS Light Tower Starting Procedures

Pursuit Starts

Starting procedures for pursuit starts are outlined below, changing RRS 26. The course number will be displayed in the Tower window.

Signal	Lights	Number Display	Sound
Warning		-5	One signal
Preparatory		-4, -3, -2	One signal at 4 minutes only
One minute		-1	One long signal
Start of boats on 0 min handicap		0	One signal
Start of boats on 1 min handicap		1	One signal
Start of boats on 6 min handicap		6	One signal

For clarity:

a) when the light box ***is*** used, a boat's start is when the relevant number is first displayed, not when the number is replaced.

b) when the light box is ***not*** used, a boat's start is when the relevant number is removed from the window, not when it is first displayed.

Where the time displayed on the Tower does not match local time, the displayed number will be used.

Appendix B: Mark Positions

Mark	Description	Lat °S	Long °E
RMYS A	Yellow special purpose buoy	37° 51.90’	144° 57.48’
RBYC 6	Yellow special purpose buoy	37° 54.32’	144° 58.53’
R4	Yellow recreational buoy	37° 50.70’	144° 55.36’
SYC 4	Yellow special purpose buoy	37° 56.81’	144° 59.40’
V-Mark	Yellow special purpose buoy	37° 51.80’	144° 55.50’

Appendix C: RMYS Marina and Berthing Information

All boats participating in the RMYS 150th Celebratory Cup are invited to join the presentation and prize giving at the RMYS Clubhouse following the race.

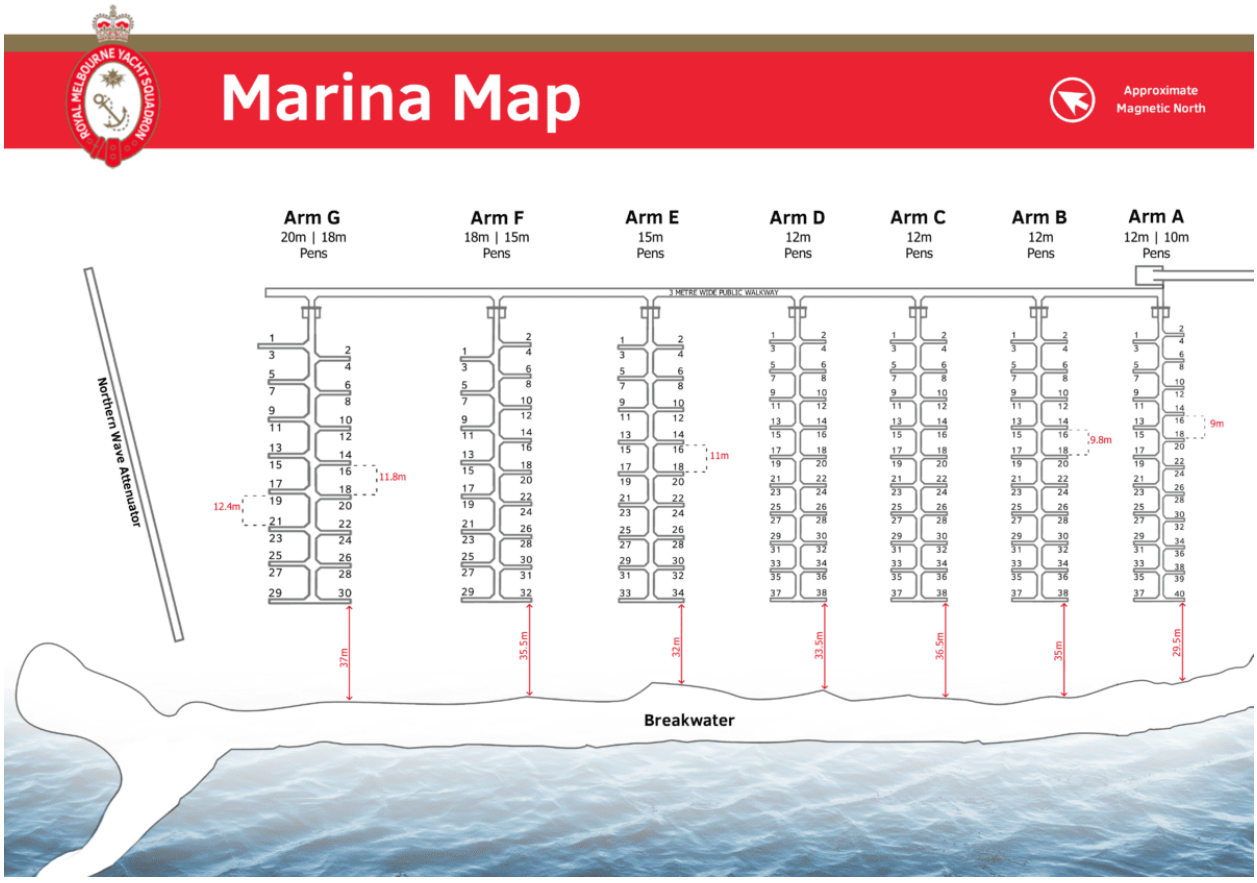
Free berthing in the RMYS marina is available. Complimentary berthing is also available for boats wishing to stay overnight.

Staying overnight

Boats wishing to stay overnight should contact the RMYS Office on **03 9534 0227** to register.

Berthing after the race

Boats planning to enter the RMYS Marina after the race may contact the Club via the details below prior to finishing to be allocated a berth.

Boats that have not made prior arrangements may tie-up along the main arm of the marina.

Contact person:	**Via Phone or SMS**
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